



### ***Paddlesports Committee***

#### **Summary Report to NASBLA Executive Board Summer Charge Activity Update, Next Cycle Recommendations, Other Issues**

**Date: May 24, 2017 Wade Alonzo, Chair**

#### ***Paddlesports Committee Charter***

*NASBLA's Paddlesports Committee provides a venue for a diverse group of stakeholders to engage with NASBLA members in productive dialogue to find actionable opportunities to partner and promote paddlesports while growing a culture of safety across the United States so that over time the incidence of accident and injuries declines even while participation increases. The Committee strives to develop recommendations and work products to the NASBLA membership based on the best data available and professional judgment of its diverse members.*

#### **[PADDLE\_2017-1 Membership**

Reach out to interested partners across the spectrum of paddling stakeholders and invite their participation on the committee in order to leverage their knowledge skills and abilities in achieving these diverse goals.

- ✓ **Deliverables:** Contacts within industry and other paddlesports partners
- ✓ **Current status:** We will be sending a committee member to Paddlesports Retailer (August 29-September 1 – Madison, Wisconsin) summer meeting to network and talk with canoe, kayak and other manufacturers. If budget allows and there is committee capacity, we may also send a state committee member Surf Expo (September 7-9). Jim Emmons of the Watersport Industry Foundation will be attending all three.
- ✓ **Next cycle recommendation:** Continue outreach to industry and other paddlesports partners

## **PADDLE\_2017-2 Law Enforcement**

Develop best practices for marine law enforcement officers interacting with paddlers on our nations waterways.

- ✓ **Deliverables:** The committee is developing best practices for marine law enforcement officers. The document is looking at law enforcement interaction from both the officer's and the paddler's views.
- ✓ **Current status:** Best practices document is still in draft form.
- ✓ **Next cycle recommendation:** Work with the Law Enforcement Committee to further vet the document and based on that collaboration determine how best to proceed.

## **PADDLE\_2017-3 Outreach/Education – Paddling Community**

Provide NASBLA members with best practices and assistance in reaching out to the paddling communities within their borders in order to facilitate robust and productive state-level engagement around the nation.

- ✓ **Deliverables:** White paper on "how to get involved with your state paddling community"
- ✓ **Current status:** The two documents published in 2013 are being combined and updated with information and data from PADDLE\_2017-1, PADDLE\_2017-4 and PADDLE\_2017-5.
- ✓ **Next cycle recommendation:** No recommendation to continue or expand this charge.

## **PADDLE\_2017-4 Policy Evaluation – Trends**

Gather the best available data from any and all sources that help it evaluate status and trends of paddling within the United States, patterns and commonalities of accidents and injuries to inform discussions and debate.

- ✓ **Deliverables:** A report is being compiled that summarizes all paddlesport data that can be found. The report will integrate data on participation rates and trends, accident rates and trends, and state policies currently in place that are specific to paddlesports.
- ✓ **Current status:** In progress
- ✓ **Next cycle recommendation:** Continue to add new data as it becomes available.

## **PADDLE\_2017-5 Policy Evaluation – Survey**

Convene a subcommittee of paddlesport committee members to evaluate the data that is currently gathered and create a report on data gaps and recommendations.

- ✓ **Deliverables:** Report on paddlesports data gaps and recommendations.
- ✓ **Current status:** In progress
- ✓ **Next cycle recommendation:** Dependent on findings and conclusions.

## **PADDLE\_2017-7 Flotation Standards**

Create a subcommittee to review manufacturing standards for kayaks and canoes to determine if current standards are sufficient, plan for a process to involve stakeholders in making recommendations for improving standards.

- ✓ **Deliverables:** ABYC Standard H-29 Canoes and Kayaks
- ✓ **Current status:** The committee is working with ERAC on reviewing the flotation standards. ABYC's H-29 Canoes and Kayaks is up for review. Brian Goodwin of ABYC may be attending Paddlesport Retailer to present these standards to manufacturers to determine their awareness level and willingness or ability to implement them in their manufacturing process.
- ✓ **Next cycle recommendation:** Ongoing charge. Next steps are somewhat dependent on the reaction of kayak manufacturers.

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